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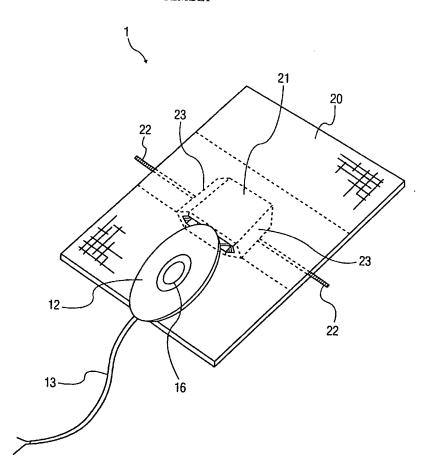
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(57) Abstract: There is provided a flexible, lightweight high-performance interconnect (1) that can cooperate with a variety of different textiles in the form of garments and/or upholsteries (60) for example, as well as with any of a variety of different electronic devices/systems (50) without compromising the innate characteristics (e.g., the comfort or durability) of the textile. interconnect (1) having at least one male element (10) and at least one female element (20) with a textile construction cooperative with the at least one male element (10) providing a secure and safe mechanical and/or electrical connection.

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